

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Western Springs South Fire and EMS Facility**  
**Western Springs, IL**  
**Department of Homeland Security**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) is provide funding for the construction of a new fire station for the Village of Western Springs located at the southeast corner of Grand Avenue and 55<sup>th</sup> Street. In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President’s Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the construction of a new facility and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Proposed Action, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to seismicity, waters of the United States, floodplains, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, zoning and land use, visual resources, public services and utilities, public health and safety, traffic and circulation, low income or minority populations, or cultural resources. During the construction period, short-term impacts to soils, water quality, air quality, and noise are anticipated. All short-term impacts require conditions to minimize and mitigate impacts to the proposed project site and surrounding areas. The project was coordinated with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and applicable Indian tribes.

**CONDITIONS**

The following conditions were developed to mitigate the potential impacts of this project and must be met as a condition of project approval. Failure to comply with these conditions and the conditions contained in the EA may jeopardize Federal funds:

1. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits.
2. The applicant will monitor ground disturbance during the construction phase; should human skeletal remains, or historic or archaeological materials be discovered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities on the project site shall cease and the applicant shall notify the coroner’s office (in the case of human remains), FEMA, and Ohio State Historic Preservation Office.
3. If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in substantial design changes, the need for additional ground disturbance, additional removal of vegetation, or in any other unanticipated changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA, and a re-evaluation under NEPA and other applicable environmental laws will be conducted by FEMA.
4. Construction vehicles and equipment would be stored on site during project construction and appropriate signage would be a posted on affected roadways. All construction activities will be performed using qualified personnel and in accordance with the standards specified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Construction would take place only during normal business hours and all equipment will meet local, State and Federal noise regulations.

## **FINDINGS**

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the Western Springs South Fire and EMS Facility and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

## **APPROVAL**

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